

**MINUTES OF THE  
RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex

February 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Sen. Todd Weiler, Co-Chair  
                                 Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair  
                                 Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice Chair  
                                 Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
                                 Sen. Gene Davis  
                                 Sen. Margaret Dayton  
                                 Sen. Karen Mayne  
                                 Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
                                 Rep. Jack R. Draxler  
                                 Rep. Susan Duckworth  
                                 Rep. Gage Froerer  
                                 Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
                                 Rep. Bradley G. Last  
                                 Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Rep. Steve Eliason

STAFF PRESENT:        Mr. Brian D. Fay, Fiscal Analyst  
                                 Ms. Angela J. Oh, Economist/Statistician  
                                 Ms. Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

**Note:**    A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Weiler called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

**Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority**

Sen. VanTassell explained to the committee that the Heber Valley Railroad is requesting \$1,000,000 one-time funding from the General Fund.

Mr. Mark Nelson, Executive Director, Heber Valley Railroad, provided a handout and presented a slide presentation to the committee. Mr. Nelson explained how the \$1,000,000 one-time funding would be used: \$250,000 would be used to restore two 1907 Baldwin Steam Locomotives, \$250,000 would be used to restore open-air Cars and Cabooses, and \$500,000 would be used to purchase First-class Passenger Coach or Coaches. He stated that with this funding allocation it would make a long-term impact on the Heber Valley Railroad for many years to come.

Mr. Nelson introduced members in attendance that are supporters of the Authority. After his presentation he responded to questions from the committee.

### **Utah Education Network**

Ms. Angela Oh, Economist/Statistician, explained that the Utah Education Network (UEN) is a partnership of Utah's public and higher education institutions. It operates public television station KUEN-TV, provides interactive distance education video services, connects state computer networks to each other and the Internet, and hosts and supports online content for public and higher education and public libraries.

The Economist briefly explained the budget brief and recommends the Legislature consider \$250,000 ongoing from the General Fund that would benefit approximately 400 elementary and charter schools.

Mr. Ray Timothy, Executive Director of the UEN, assisted by Lisa Kuhn, Director of Finance, provided a handout to the committee. Mr. Timothy explained their mission is to network for education. They are requesting \$250,000 ongoing to help with connection charges for elementary schools; \$2,900,000 Capital Equipment Maintenance and Replacement one-time, \$1,600,000 ongoing; Multimedia Infrastructure one-time \$1,026,000 and \$453,000 ongoing.

Mr. Timothy responded to questions from the committee.

### **Department of Human Resource Management**

Mr. Brian Fay, Fiscal Analyst, stated that the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) is the central human resource office for the state's workforce. He explained that their base budget for FY 2014 is \$3,386,000; \$2,986,000 from the General Fund, and \$400,000 from dedicated credits. The Department is also requesting non-lapsing intent language for: Information Technology and Consulting Services - \$350,000; and DHRM Statewide Management of Liability Training Program - \$260,000. They are also requesting a one-time rate change to increase the services for field services from \$544.00 to \$560.00 per FTE. The total base budget for internal service fund portion is \$11,494,200 from dedicated credits.

Mr. Jeff Herring, Department of Human Resource Management assisted by Ms. Letty Debenham, Financial Director, Department of Human Resource Management, explained the Department's mission and objectives.

### **Career Service Review Office**

Mr. Fay, explained that Career Service Review Office (CSRO) administers the state's grievance and appeals process and is a quasi-judicial body that hears administrative appeals. They are a small office with two full time employees and they contract hearing officers to hear cases. They have a base budget of \$246,900 from the General Fund and they are requesting for hearing officers in the grievance process in the amount of \$15,000 non-lapsing intent language.

Ms. Akiko Kawamura, Administrator CSRO, assisted by Annette Morgan, Assistant Administrator, further explained to the committee the role of the CSRO. Ms. Kawamura stated that because they are a small office, the non-lapsing funds they have requested will go toward paying for hearing officers and court recorders, in case they exceed the allotted number of hearings they anticipate.

Ms. Kawamura responded to questions from the committee.

Sen. Weiler asked for motions to prioritize funding for the subcommittee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to add UEN funding for Elementary Connectivity, Phase I and Phase II.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to add Heber Valley Railroad to the Priority List.

The Substitute Motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to approve the FY 2014 base budgets for the Utah Education Network, Department of Human Resource Management, and Career Service Review Office as presented by the Analyst.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to approve the non-lapsing intent language for Department of Human Resource Management and Career Service Review as presented by the Analyst.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to approve the fees as presented by the Analyst in the issue brief, "Department of Human Resource Management Internal Service Fund FY 2014 Fees."

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to approve 142 FTEs for the Department of Human Resource Management, Internal Service Fund.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

Sen. Weiler adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair

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Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair